

REMARKS

By this Amendment the specification has been amended to include topic headings and to refer to Figs. 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 6A, 22A and 22B (see concurrently filed Letter Re Drawings), claims 42 and 45 have been revised to stand alone method claims, and claim 47 has been amended to include the feature of claim 48 (now canceled). Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner allowed claims 33-41, 43 and 44; however, he rejected claims 47 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hayes et al. The inventors request reconsideration.

The examiner asserts that Hayes et al. disclose a downhole deflector including a cylinder with a window provided in a side thereof, a ramp on an interior surface, and a bore extending longitudinally through the deflector, a portion of the bore located uphole and downhole of the ramp having a larger diameter than the remainder of the bore. The examiner states that a portion of the bore within the deflector and above the ramp is larger than the portion below the ramp and the portion of the bore below the deflector is larger than the portion within the lower portion of the deflector.

However, the inventors' claim 48 refers to portions of the bore within the deflector not portions of the bore which extend above and below the deflector member. Thus, the examiner's belief that Hayes et al. anticipates amended claim 48 is not correct.

It is requested that claims 42, 45, 46 and 47 be allowed with claims
33-41, 43 and 44.

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